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SUBJECT: REPORT OF OUTSTANDING SEMIANNUAL INSPECTION OF
MARINE SECURITY GUARD DET, ATHENS

1. NORMALLY, RESULTS OF SEMIANNUAL INSP ARE TRANSMITTED BY
LETTER AND SELDOM DOES BATTALION CDR HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO
SEE SUMMARY OF OUR MANY FINE DETACHMENTS BY MESSAGE. ALL
TOO FREQUENTLY BAD NEWS TRAVELS BY MESSAGE WHILE GOOD
NEWS GOES BY MAIL

2. I HAVE JUST COMPLETED SEMIANNUAL COMMAND VISIT/INSPECTION
OF THE LARGE ATHENS MSG DET COMMANDED BY MSGT (SELECTEE)
R.C.SOMMER

3. IN VIEW OF EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF THIS FOURTEEN-
MARINE TEAM, I FEEL IT IS APPROPRIATE TO SUMMARRIZE RESULTS
BY MESSAGE WITH DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN WRITTEN REPORT

- A. ALL MILITARY INSPECTIONS OUTSTANDING (PERS, CLOTHING, QTRS).
- B. PFT AVERAGE OUTSTANDING, 277.5 UP FROM 211 LAST YEAR.

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THREE MARINES SCORED 300. 3-MILE RUN WAS CONDUCTED ON COURSE AT
PLAINS OF MARATHON.

A PHOTO WAS TAKEN OF THE DET AT MARATHON AT THE TOMB/STATUE OF
THE ANCIENT MARATHON COURIER.

C. ADMINISTRATION/MANAGEMENT TOP-NOTCH, OUTSTANDING,
INCLUDING PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION, SECURITY (GUARD ORDERS
W/NEW MSG HANDBOOK WORDING FOR USE OF FORCE), CAREER ADVISORY,

SUPPLY, TRAINING, FUND AUDITS (MESS/BAR/BALL), AND SPECIAL SERVICES. MARINES HAD COMPLETED 28 MCI COURSES DUR PAST 6 MONTHS.

D. EMERGENCY DRILL: A RIOT/DEMONSTRATION DRILL WAS CALLED AND CONDUCTED BY RSO. MARINES EXECUTED PLAN RAPIDLY AND FLAWLESSLY. ONE OF THE MOST PROFESSIONAL I HAVE EVER SEEN.

E. MORALE COUTSTANDING. ESPRIT-DE-CORPS, ONE OF THE FINEST (IF NOT THE BEST) TEAM OF PROFESSIONAL MARINES I HAVE EVER OBSERVED. DETACHMENT IS AN EXAMPLE FOR ALL OTHERS.

F. EMBASSY/DETACHMENT RELATIONS (WORKING/SOCIAL). OUTSTANDING IN ALL RESPECTS. MARINES ARE RESPECTED PART OF EMBASSY TEAM. DETACHMENT SOCIAL RELATIONS WELL ATTENDED BY EMBASSY STAFF. RECENT BAR-B-Q HAD OVER 150 ATTENDEES (FAMILIES). NCOIC/RSO TEAM (GYSGT SOMMER/MR ROBINSON) ONE OF STRONGEST I HAVE EVEN SEEN.

G. MATURITY LEVEL OF THESE MARINES HIGHEST I HAVE OBSERVED IN 70 INSPECTIONS. DIRECTLY RELATED TO LEADERSHIP STANDARDS AND MORALISTIC ENVIRONMENT SET BY NCOIC WITH SOLID SUPPORT OF PROFFSSIONAL RSO AND EMBASSY STAFF.

H. I THANKED AMBASSADOR KUBISCH AND HIS KEY STAFF INCLUDING MR SOLDOW (ADMIN COUNSELOR), MR ROBINSON (RSO, AND MR BARRON (GSO) FOR SOLID SUPPORT.

4. MSGT (SELECTEE) SOMMER COMPLETES 3-YR TOUR THIS SUMMER. TOUR INCLUDED TWO YEARS NOCIC BEIRUT (MOST IMPROVED DET CO "B" 1974 AND TIED FOR BEST IN 75). 1976 MOST IMPROVED DET IN CO "A" AND NOW TOP CANDIDATE FOR BEST IN CO "A" IN '76 HIS BEIRUT DET AWARDED MUC

5. IN CLOSING I QUOTE THE BIG SIGN GUNNY SOMMER HAD ON HIS DESK:

"YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY GUNNY,
CHESTY PULLER NEVER QUIT, AND NEITHER HAVE YOU.
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SO HANG IN THERE, WE'VE STILL GOT A LOT OF IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO AND THE MARINE CORPS NEEDS MEN LIKE YOU TO GET THEM DONE."

6. STRONG NCOIC IS KEY TO MARINE CORPS SUCCESS IN MSG DETS

7. CO CO "A" SENDS. KUBISCH

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